

NEWS BRIEFS

Enlisted promotion ceremony
The monthly enlisted promotion ceremony is at 3:30 p.m. today in the chapel annex.

Toyland opening
Toyland opens at 8 a.m. Saturday at the exchange. Mother Goose performs from 10 a.m. to noon and a moon walk is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A puppet show is from 1 to 2 p.m.

New BX hours
The exchange's new hours begin Sunday. They are: Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New enlisted lounge hours
The enlisted lounge is now open Thursdays from 4:30 to 10 p.m.

AFSA meeting
The monthly Air Force Sergeants Association meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 4 at the Cardinal Inn Dining Facility.

Mosquito fogging
The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron's Entomology section will increase mosquito fogging in the family housing areas from twice a week to 4 days a week until the mosquito season is over. The new times are at dusk Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Residents who suffer from asthma or other breathing difficulties should take precaution and remain indoors during this time. If possible, people should remain indoors when fogging takes place, and remind children not to play near or behind the truck. For additional information, call Ext. 7341.

Mission Report	
As of Wednesday	
T-1A	T-37
Goal: 2,103.0 hrs.	Goal: 2,525
Flown: 1,944 hrs.	Flown: 2,365
T-38A	T-38C
Goal: 1,309	Goal: 77
Flown: 1,364	Flown: 72



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Monitoring mission tools
Airman Shawn Arnett, 14th Communications Squadron meteorological and navigation apprentice, takes readings with a multimeter on Monitor A, which checks the Glide Slope signal. The Glide Slope is used by pilots as a navigational tool during landings to ensure their glide path during final descent is not too high or low.

New commander gives insight at calls

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Public affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing commander held his first commander's calls Monday at the base theater.

Col. Steve Schmidt, spoke about recent Air Force events and his philosophies during the third-quarter commander's call.

The meeting began with a video highlighting air and space power, then the commander reminded attendees of the Air Force mission.

"Our mission is to fly, fight, and win any engagement," Schmidt said.

In order to accomplish today's mission in a global environment, there have been changes in the way wings are organized and the way people are deployed.

The new wing organization includes renaming the 14th Support Group to the 14th Mission Support Group and forming two new organizations. The 14th Logistics Readiness Division falls under the 14th MSG DynCorp and contracted maintenance moves from the operations group to for the 14th Maintenance Directorate under the wing.

"For the most part this won't affect people on base, except for the name changes," Schmidt said.

What will affect everyone is the expansion of the Air and Space Expeditionary Force, including more people deploying from Air Education and Training Command. At Columbus AFB, deployment taskings have increased to 475 positions — that's 355 more than in 2001 and 386 more than in 2000.

He then explained the general structure of the AEF. It is broken down into 10 expeditionary forces with people on three-month rotations.

"That doesn't mean that you'll only be deployed for 90 days, it could be longer in some cases," Schmidt added. "Of course if we go to war, all bets are off and everyone is deployable."

See **COMMANDER**, Page 2

Contest opens stage to artists

Airman 1st Class Chawntain Young
Public affairs

Columbus AFB people have a chance to shine in the Air Force Family and Teen Talent Contest at 3 p.m. Nov. 2 at the youth center.

The Air Force-wide talent show encourages family involvement, promotes creativity and spotlights talented Air Force people and their families, according to a show pamphlet.

Linda and Scott Norman and their 11-year-old daughter, April Knight, are staging a puppet show they perform for their church's Sunday school classes during the contest.

"It's always so much fun to perform our puppet shows, but at the same time, doing them as a family brings us closer together," Linda Norman said.

Suriah Blanch, 10 years old, plans to present a gospel ballet during the competition.

"I hope Suriah's presentation will motivate other kids to become more involved in religious activities," said Cynthia Blanch, Suriah's mother.

"This show also gives potential artists time to practice being the center of attention and creates exposure that may lead to a career where they can use their talent," said Latoya Marble, youth center specialist.

The participants are grouped into four divisions: parent and youth teams, husband and wife teams, family teams and youth ages three to eighteen.

Marble is selecting volunteer judges to rate the performers on technical excellence, showmanship



Airman 1st Class Chawntain Young
Linda Norman, child development center child caregiver, practices her part of a puppet show with "Herman" for the children in Classroom 6.

and costuming. Volunteers interested in setting up and tearing down are also needed.

The best act chosen from each category is recorded on videotape and sent to Headquarters Air Force Services Agency to compete Air Force-wide. For more information about the contest or volunteering, or to sign up, call Marble at Ext. 2504 by Oct. 12.

COMMANDER (Continued from Page 1)

The Colonel stressed people filling unit task codes, or UTCs, remain prepared to deploy within 24 hours. This means maintaining weapons qualifications, keeping a will up-to-date, staying healthy and having a set of uniforms ready.

"We need to be able to take the fight to the enemy," he said. "We can't do that if we have dental problems that prevent us from going."

The commander's philosophy is "We are the best — the best Air Force and the best people." His goal is to provide the best environment for the people at Columbus AFB, but he also provided some stipulations.

"My goal for the base is no losses," he said. "No losses to accidents, injuries or deaths to driving under the influence or suicides. I've been to too many funerals in my career and I don't want to go to any more."

He also outlined his zero tolerance policy on discrimination. "To win, everyone has to be at their best, and they can't be at their best if they feel discriminated against."

For his part, the commander said he would work toward supporting the best people by providing the best training, equipment and facilities for the people at Columbus AFB. "I'm here to support you, not the other way around."

On that note he said he couldn't fix anything he didn't know about.

"Use your chain of command to try and fix a problem, but if that fails use the 'Straight Talk Line,'" Schmidt said. "The line is a direct link to me — you see a problem, we find a solution and fix it."

There is a new intranet link from the Blazeweb to the line, or people can call Ext. 7058.

The commander also spoke about the importance of education throughout the ranks.

"Officers, while you're here take the time to work on your master's degree and new airmen should look into completing their bachelor's degree," he said. "Education is key to Air Force careers for everyone, officer and enlisted and civilian."

The Combined Federal Campaign was mentioned by the commander as an admirable way to give back to the community at all levels.

In closing, the commander shared his personal philosophy.

"This is the 'A' team, and I want us to continue to be the best," he said. "You need to take care of yourself on four levels — personally, professionally, physically and spiritually. Like the legs of a chair if one is weak the whole 'chair' will be out of balance. The same applies to your life."



Academy seeks instructors

KEESLER AFB, Miss. — The Keesler NCO Academy is recruiting instructors.

Applicants should be technical sergeants or technical sergeant selects who are NCO Academy graduates and hold Community College of the Air Force degrees.

Applicants should be releasable from their current duty and Air Force Specialty Code and meet all time-on-station requirements for a permanent change-of-station move. They must meet Air Force weight standards, be able to lift 40 pounds and hold a 5-skill level or higher in their current AFSC.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Sexton, Keesler NCO Academy director of education, at DSN 597-3405. (Courtesy of AETC News)

AF surgeon general retires

WASHINGTON — Advancements in modular medicine, pay and retention innovations geared toward attracting and retaining people and TRICARE for Life top the list of "home runs" of which retiring Air Force Surgeon General Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Paul Carlton Jr., is most proud.

Carlton, who retired Sept. 23, said that the current conflict has proven that "many of our concepts that were ideas before, were only ideas. Now we have data, and with data the ideas became facts."

The top fact during his three-year tenure is that, thanks to modularity, a wounded combatant has the highest chance of survival in combat history, Carlton said.

He cited a speech given by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld at the Air Force Academy in May, in which Rumsfeld said that the Air Force could now do with one airplane what took 10 airplanes to do in Desert Storm. "The 10-for-1 is real," Carlton said. "Our smallest piece in Desert Storm was the 25-bed air transportable hospital that took 11 C-130s [to deliver]. The two pieces we have right now, the Small Portable Expeditionary Aeromedical Rapid Response — a one-pallet hospital — or an Expeditionary Medical System basic — a three-pallet hospital — use only one C-130.

"Technological advancements that will assist medics in the field who take care of wounded soldiers, airmen and sailors at the point of wounding will lower the death rate further," Carlton said.

"The next big frontier is making sure our medics, at the point of wounding, have everything we can get for them to get a survival," Carlton said.

Carlton believes such advancements would not be possible if leaders are constantly focused on whether or not there will be enough people to carry out the mission. All services have been dealing with shortages of doctors and nurses in recent years. (Courtesy of AF News)



Elizabeth Davis

Newest Columbus AFB leaders

Columbus AFB congratulates the Airman Leadership School students who graduated Wednesday. Graduates are (from back to front, left to right): Senior Airmen Jeremy Keel, 14th Comptroller Flight; Brandon Holda, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Jonathan Clegg, 14th OSS; Deralis Todd, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; David Lowe, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Richard Baldwin, 14th SFS; Favian January, 22nd TRS; Dustina Coblentz, 14th OSS; James Granade, 14th SFS; Erreca Weaver, 14th CPTF; Teresa Granade, 14th SFS; Casey Thomas, 14th SFS; Tiffanie Timmons, 14th SFS; Vonetta Parks, 14th SFS; and Cindy Dobbs, 14th Mission Support Group. The award winners are: John Levitow Award, Thomas; Distinguished Graduate, January; and Military Leadership Award, James Granade.

Cycle 4 sees major expeditionary force changes

Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Major Air and Space Expeditionary Force changes are coming beginning with the start of Cycle 4 in June.

People and assets from two on-call wings will be embedded in the 10 AEFs while expeditionary combat support assets from throughout the Air Force will be “leveled.”

Also, some Air Reserve Component contributions to the AEF will be realigned.

The changes will enhance the ability of the AEF construct to handle both steady state requirements and surge support for contingency operations, according to Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant to the chief of staff for air and space expeditionary forces.

“The thing that everyone needs to understand is [the AEF construct] has worked pretty well,” Peppe said. “We know there are issues out there, and leadership is committed to fixing those issues.”

The first change involves the 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., and the 366th Wing at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. These units, which currently operate in a 120-day rotational on-call status, will have their assets and people aligned throughout the 10 AEFs.

Each will be a lead wing, with aircraft and Expeditionary Combat Support generally focused into two different AEF periods to facilitate teaming, Peppe said. Their change in status will not result in the movement of personnel or equipment to other bases.

Besides placing people from these two wings into the overall expeditionary combat support pool, the Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center at Langley AFB, Va., is working to level ECS manning in all rotations.

“We’re trying to rearrange ECS assets Air Force-wide so there’s a leveling of assets across the 10 AEFs, so the capabilities and numbers are about the same,” Peppe said. “This more even distribution of personnel will allow us to support a higher level of requirements.”

Leveling the assets will make some airmen vulnerable to deployment sooner than they expected, while others will have their normal training periods extended.

“It may be that some [unit type codes] move from AEF 5 to AEF 3,” the general said. “So, instead of having 15 months between cycles, they will have 12. Some are going to move backward, having 18 months versus 15 months, because the AEF Center is trying to match ECS assets, where possible, to where the ‘iron’ is moved.”

For example, if F-16 Fighting Falcons from Mountain Home are assigned to AEF 7, the plan is to have Mountain Home expeditionary combat support assets in the same AEF.

“Is that causing some fluctuations? Yes, but the AEF Center is minimizing the shuffling,” Peppe said. “Our assessment is that the AEF alignment of perhaps 10 to 12 percent of airmen will be affected by this fine-tuning.”

The third change involves distributing Air Reserve Component assets across the AEFs to provide a more consistent level of

the workload for the reserve component.

“The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve contribute significantly (to the AEF construct) with aviation and support assets,” Peppe said. “If you look at how they’re postured right now, you’ll see that they’re heavily weighted in AEFs 7, 8, 9 and 10.”

Better distributing the ANG and Reserve forces is especially important considering that ARC aircraft and people are also heavily involved in Operation Noble Eagle, Peppe said.

“We have to smooth-flow their availability so it gives us a more ideal mix throughout the AEF cycle,” he said.

Peppe added that the Air Reserve Component will also realign ANG fighters by block type and geography.

The combination of these changes will help the Air Force better present its forces in the long term, Peppe said.

“The bottom line is we’re making changes to maximize capability available across the board,” Peppe said. “We want to smooth-flow capabilities across the AEFs and minimize the hills and valleys.”

Wing commander awards BLAZE day

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Public affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing commander announced a BLAZE day for Monday, Sept. 30., as a reward for the end of the year flying closeout.

Col. Steve Schmidt, made the announcement at his commander’s calls Monday.

“This day is a result of the entire wing’s tremendous effort to accomplish our primary mission of training one-third of our nation’s Air Force pilots,” Schmidt said. “Everyone played a part in making the flying hour program a success — from the schedulers filling the planes, to the airmen in the security forces protecting us 24 hours a day, to the folks in civil engineering making sure people have quality facilities.”

“I realize that not everyone will be able to participate in this day,” Schmidt added. “Such as people in the clinic who may have appointments or the finance office closing out the budget. But I am asking those commanders to afford their people the opportunity to take a day off when time permits.

“Further, I encourage supervisors of civilian personnel to practice liberal leave policies to the maximum extent possible.

“I want people to realize that their hard work throughout the year is appreciated,” the Colonel said.

Sept. 12: Reflections of Pentagon aftermath

Maj. Jeffrey Kindley
14th FTW Chief of Safety

The media is full of stories about Sept. 11.

I have even read many articles in this paper concerning that horrific day.

So, I hesitated to write yet another article about that day ... but, I can think of little else. As I was in the Pentagon that day, I could tell you my version, but it is the same as you already heard. Instead, I think I should tell you about Sept. 12. When President George W. Bush came back to Washington, D.C., the night of Sept. 11, he said, “The functions of our government continue without interruption. Federal agencies in Washington which had to be evacuated today are reopening ... and will be open for business tomorrow.”



So, the next morning I started to work. I drove north on I-95 from my home in Northern Virginia to the Pentagon. It was a 25-minute drive that took over two hours that day. The chaos had backed up traffic for miles.

As I topped the last hill prior to Washington, D.C., I could see the sun rising in the east, just behind our nation’s capital. It would have been a beautiful sight, but then I looked to the northwest. The smoke was still billowing from the Pentagon, blocking the view of the Washington Monument. The fire trucks were still spraying water on the fire. I thought, “I am going to work in a burning building.” This didn’t make any sense to me.

Fortunately, the Pentagon is so large the Air Force side of the building was virtually unscathed. But the smoke and smell hung heavy throughout the building. Everyone was discussing their day and trying to come to grips with what had happened the day prior. Not much work was being accomplished. I still didn’t understand why we had come to work that day. It seemed foolish.

Then I walked by the center of the building to look at the fire. I looked out the windows and across the center courtyard at the damaged side of the building. I saw the body bags being assembled in the center courtyard. Then I realized why we were all at work on Sept. 12.

I understood why President Bush had given this order.

We, the entire United States, were making a statement: We will not be defeated. It was a powerful statement.

Remember this date and this statement instead of the tragedy. Remember our mission ... to protect and defend the United States. Every individual member of the military team must accomplish his or her job for the team to win. You may be called to deploy as part of an Air and Space Expeditionary Force in the near future as the drums of war beat louder. You may stay here at Columbus to train the student pilots who will soon be at the pointy end of the spear. Either way, accomplish the mission and remember Sept. 12.

Safety: Whose job is it anyway?

Theodore Zoska

14th Flying Training Wing Safety

Everyone keeps telling me safety is my job. Why me?

I’m the ground safety manager, so it’s my job, right? Wrong.

Safety doesn’t come from just an office — it has to be a BLAZE Team effort. When everyone is involved can we stop the mishaps that destroy people’s lives and property. If we followed guidelines, we would reap the benefits — from cheaper insurance rates to less broken hearts from the death of a loved one.

Get involved

We are responsible for each other. If you see people doing something dangerous, stop them. Don’t ignore it. The Air Force is our family. You wouldn’t intentionally let someone in your family get hurt, just so you could say, “I told you so.”

Assume responsibility

Safety begins with individuals. You can’t go through life expecting others to make safety happen. Safety people do the

best they can, but they can’t be everywhere. Even though we try to make a base 100-percent safe, we can’t. Keep children away from construction sites. Check out their play areas. If you see a nail or a broken bottle, pick it up.

Call for assistance

This is where it all comes together. You watch out for the other person. You take responsibility for yourself and your children, but still you find a situation where you need help. Call safety and tell us about the broken slide. Let us know what you have seen so that we can get it fixed. You become part of the safety team.

Is that all there is to it? Simple in theory, difficult in execution. Almost every mishap I’ve seen could have been prevented. In most cases people knew about the unsafe conditions but failed to act. One of the things I value about the Air Force is the sense of belonging to a big family. We must look out for each other and show we are a family, not just a collection of people that happen to work together.

Safety, make it happen.

SILVER WINGS

Published by the Commercial Dispatch Publishing Company, Inc., a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 14th Flying Training Wing. This commercial enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the Silver Wings are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

The appearance of advertising in this publication does not constitute endorsement by the DOD, the Department of the Air Force or

Service Publications, Inc., of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the 14th Flying Training Wing public affairs office of Columbus AFB, Miss. All photos are U.S. Air Force photos unless stated.

All advertising should be submitted to the Commercial Dispatch, advertising department, Columbus, Miss., phone 328-2427. All editorial copy should be submitted to the public affairs office, Bldg. 724, Columbus AFB, Miss., phone

434-7069, or e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil by 2 p.m. Friday. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit or rewrite all copy submitted when necessary.

Silver Wings Editorial Staff

14th FTW commander

Col. Steve Schmidt

Chief, public affairs

Pam Warnken

Chief, internal information

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Editor

Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Staff writer

Airman Alexis Lloyd

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058.

Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer.

All names will be kept confidential. Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Key phone numbers

Base Exchange	434-6013
Chaplain	434-2500
Civil Engineer Service Desk	434-2856
Civilian Personnel	434-2635
Clinic:	
Family Practice	434-2172
Appointment Desk	434-2273
After Hours Care	434-2273
Columbus Club	434-2489
Commissary	434-7106
Finance	434-2706
Housing Maintenance	434-7270
Inspector General	434-2927
Legal Office	434-7030
Military Equal Opportunity	434-2591
Security Forces	434-7129
Shoppette	434-6026

Columbus AFB welcomes new command chief

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

(Editors note: This article is the first in a series introducing the new Command Chief and his views to Columbus AFB.)

Summer’s winds of change die down as the wing fits the last piece of the command staff into place with a new command chief master sergeant.

Chief Master Sgt. Randy Auld, former group superintendent of the 317th Airlift Group at Dyess AFB, Texas, took over the top enlisted slot in August.

Auld’s career began in November of 1977 as an avionics technician for the F-111 Ardvark. His Air Force journey has taken him across major commands and around the world.

Auld held a variety of positions in his 25 years of service. He has worked the flight line, served in organizations composed mostly of Department of Defense civilians and with contractors in support of the Air Force mission, both stateside and overseas. The Chief has worked at the wing level in operational units and spent some time in Space Command.

He said because of his wide range of experience he felt

he could identify with the different groups on base, military and civilian. He feels the assignments and opportunities his career has given him provides a breadth of experience that will serve him well at Columbus AFB.

While Auld would not pin down a single highlight of his career, he did say some of the satisfying moments were a direct result of mission accomplishment.

“One of the most gratifying things that I have seen in my Air Force career is watching airmen, NCOs and senior NCOs taking their training and discipline, accomplishing the mission and coming home.

“On a different note — seeing the honor guard perform. Knowing the service they perform whether it be a flag or burial detail. ... Seeing the face of an honor guardsman that takes great pride to serve [is also gratifying].”

The Chief pointed out these all come from mission accomplishment.

“We can be no prouder to do our mission day in and day out and bring our troops home,” he said.

The Chief also said there could be no mission accomplishment without a “TEAM mentality.”

“The acronym Together Everyone Achieves More is very important,” he said. Pilots can’t drop bombs on target

without airmen to load them. Maintainers can’t fix planes without parts. Supply can’t get the parts without a contract — it all ties together.

“A good example of non-team work would be the Dallas Cowboys in the 80s,” Auld said. They were a group of very talented individuals but they never became a team — they never experienced mission accomplishment. But through teamwork, the Air Force does.

Another thing the Chief would like to do is put Columbus AFB on the minds of Air Force leadership.

“There are a lot of people in the Air Force that know there is a Columbus AFB, but they have no idea where it is — they think it is in Ohio — or what we do here,” the Chief said. “I would think one of the things we need to do is let the Air Force know we train one-third of the Air Force pilots each and every day. Very few wings have a sortie production of 300 to 350 per day. I think we need to let them know how well we are supporting the mission. We are a small base but have a dramatic impact on the Air Force’s mission, and it takes each and every person on Columbus AFB to be able to make that mission happen. We need to be proud of what we do — our country depends on it!”

Family key for Hispanic staff sergeant

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The earliest memory he has of Mexico is the little shop down the street from his grandfather’s house.

The convenient-type store was at the opposite end of where he lived on the 8-acre strip of land his grandfather owned and lived on. He remembers his grandfather giving him some change, and he would run all the way down the road to get candy and a drink.

Albert Verastegui and his family moved to Abilene, Texas, because his grandfather wanted to make a better life for his family and for himself in the United States.

Verastegui is now a staff sergeant — known to most as Sgt. V — with the 14th Security Forces Squadron.

“I joined the military to pay back the United States for allowing my grandfather and my family to stay here,” he said.

“I am very proud to be Mexican and just as proud to be an American. I joined to give back to a country that has given my family so much and continues to allow all races and ethnic groups to realize their dreams.”

“Hispanics have a deep pride in ourselves and in our roots,” Verastegui said. “We’re very traditional, and we continue on with those traditions.”

One of the biggest traditions for Verastegui is family.

“When my grandfather was alive, we would all gather together every Saturday or Sunday for dinner,” he said.

With about 60 to 80 people showing up, it was just a weekend get together for the families.

The dinners are now at their mother’s for his two older brothers, three younger sisters and the rest of the family.

“I grew up in a family of six and had so much fun and learned a lot from my brothers and sisters,” he said. “We did everything together from fighting with

each other to helping each other through the tough times.

“Our values, our sense of family is very strong,” he said. “Our whole family is so dependent on each other mainly for support, and the fact that there is someone you can always turn to.”

With two girls, a boy and one on the way, he plans to pass the family values he learned from his mother and his grandfather to his children.

“I want to teach my children to be respectful to elders and always be together,” Verastegui said. “I just wish we were closer to the rest of my family so they could grow up with their cousins like I grew up with mine. I just want my kids to experience the love of brothers, sisters, cousins aunts, uncles and — well, you get the picture.

“Although being in the Air Force puts me geographically far from my family, we are never far apart.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Edwin, Ann, Luke, Clabe and Hazel Parson would like to publicly thank the 14th Flying Training Wing’s medical emergency response professionals.

We’re grateful for the quick response to a 911 call involving our 6-year-old boy, Clabe. While playing at Freedom Park Sept. 7, he received multiple wasps’ stings.

I always wondered if there would be adequate health care after hours on base. Our confidence is higher after seeing the events unroll, and the BLAZE Team’s response.

We feel blessed that if this event had to happen, it was on a Saturday fly-day.

Doctors and staff were available to check our son over.

We appreciate Lt. Col. Marty Martin’s involvement in ensuring spraying was accomplished and reopening Freedom Park in the same day.

Thank you all again for your sense of urgency and for just being there.

Tech. Sgt. Edwin Parson and family

CAFB celebrates military history at ball

2nd. Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

A sea of Air Force blue uniforms, sprinkled with splashes of red and green from formal ball gowns, passed a Tweet and Talon — seemingly out of place as they stood sentry in front of the club entrance.

More than 230 people attended the 2002 Air Force Ball, marking the 55th anniversary of the Air Force and the 60th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid — the first mission the Army Air Corps successfully launched bombers from an aircraft carrier in order to attack a target thought impossible to reach.

As the chimes rang, people entered the ballroom and searched out their assigned seats.

Folks settled into their chairs and looked at the decorations representing Air Force heritage.

“The decorations were selected to highlight our Air Force history and to provide an appreciation for our short, yet rich, heritage,” said 1st Lt. Tim Warner, 14th Mission Support Group.

1st Lt. Deirdre Gurry, madam vice, and 2nd Lt. Ariol Paz, 14th Comptroller Flight, began speaking over the low rumble of the crowd and explained events to come.

After the playing of the National Anthem, the honor guard posted the colors. Next, they placed five hats on the POW/MIA table, paying tribute to the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard people lost or missing in battle.

Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, Space and Missile Systems Center commander at Air Force Space Command at Los Angeles AFB,

Calif., gave a few words about patriotism. He stressed that everyone, from personnelist to the pilot, makes the mission happen. For example, in the case of the war on terrorism, when a young sergeant has control of where bombs drop in Afghanistan.

“I felt proud to be a part of a rich tradition, the night’s events reminded me I’m apart of something bigger, and every little thing I do contributes to the mission,” said Airman 1st Class Chris McClendon, 14th Mission Support Squadron.

The night ended on a good note with the dance floor opening up to all ages to dance the night away with music from the 98th Army Band, Fort Rucker, Ala.



Melanie Brown

Army Sergeant Mike Hammonds, 98th Army Band, Fort Rucker, Ala., plays the trumpet.



Melanie Brown

Tavy Nell raises her glass with others during a toast to the colors.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Beth and Retired Brig. Gen. Shields Sims dance to '40s and '50s music.

Air Force Academy looking for few good airmen

Maj. Vincent Compagno
AF Academy Admissions Liaison Officer

The Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development Program gives airmen the chance to receive an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Commanders can nominate qualified airmen to attend the Air Force Academy to earn a bachelor of science degree and become commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

There are 85 slots available annually for active-duty airmen and another 85 slots for Reserve and Air National Guard airmen for direct entry into the Air Force Academy. In recent years many slots have gone unfilled due to a lack of qualified applicants.

Commanders can nominate an unlimited number of people. Two Columbus AFB people were nominated and selected for this year’s program, said Maj. James Davis, 14th Mission Support Squadron commander.

“The two Columbus airmen recently selected to attend the Academy [Airman Guennadi Antonov and Airman 1st Class Grantland Case] embody the core values of our Air Force and exemplify the high caliber of today’s airmen,” said Col. Bryan Funke, 14th Medical Group commander. “The young men and women joining the Air Force today are brighter and better prepared than ever before. In their hands our nation’s future is secure.”

Airmen whose academic qualifications are slightly deficient for direct entry into the Academy may also apply to the Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

The School’s mission is to help selected candidates compete for an

appointment to the Academy. Located on the Academy grounds, the Prep School provides intensive instruction in English, science and math, as well as military training and athletic development. After completing the 10-month program, Prep School graduates are more competitive for an appointment to the Academy and better prepared for cadet life.

Applicants must meet stringent requirements for selection to the Academy and Prep School.

Airmen younger than 23 on July 1 of the entering year for direct entry to the Academy, or younger than 22 for the Preparatory School, can apply. They should be of high moral character, involved in the community and be

unmarried with no legal dependents.

“Qualifying airmen may apply by filling out an [Air Force] Form 1786, which is also available at the education center,” Davis said. “The form should be signed by the applicant’s commander and should arrive at the Academy no later than January 31 for the class entering the following June.”

Applicants must also pass a physical fitness test, an extensive medical evaluation and attain qualifying scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or American College Test exams. Additionally, applicants must complete an interview with an admissions liaison officer.

Airmen can receive more information on the Air Force Academy and Preparatory School by visiting the base education center or the Academy Website at www.academyadmissions.com, or call the Academy directly at (800) 443-9266, DSN 333-9266. Commanders, first sergeants, senior enlisted advisors and supervisors can call me at 434-5458.





T-1A Jayhawk

U.S. Air Force photo

SUPT Class 02-15 earns silver wings



T-38 Talon

U.S. Air Force photo

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-15 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

Nineteen officers have survived a year of training and have earned the right to be an Air Force pilot.

The graduation speaker is retired Lt. Col. Gene Smith.

He graduated from pilot training at Williams AFB, Ariz., in 1963. During the Vietnam War, he was shot down over Hanoi and spent five and a half years as a prisoner of war. He was repatriated in 1973 and had assignments at Columbus AFB including the 50th Flying Training Squadron commander and the director of operations for the 14th Flying Training Wing.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Benjamin Jones, T-1A, and Joseph Bousquet, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

Bousquet and 2nd Lt. D. Ashley Cowan, T-1A, received the Flying Excellence Award for maintaining the highest flying averages in their flights.

Capt. Loh Tong Khiat, T-38, 2nd Lt. Paul Scambos, T-1A, and Jones received the Academic Excellence Award for maintaining the highest academic averages in their flights.

First Lt. Timothy Eaton, T-38, and Jones received the Military Training Award for demonstrating outstanding officer and leadership qualities.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Scambos and 2nd Lt. Richard Kernea II, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — pro-

moting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Bousquet and Jones were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a three-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours. After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

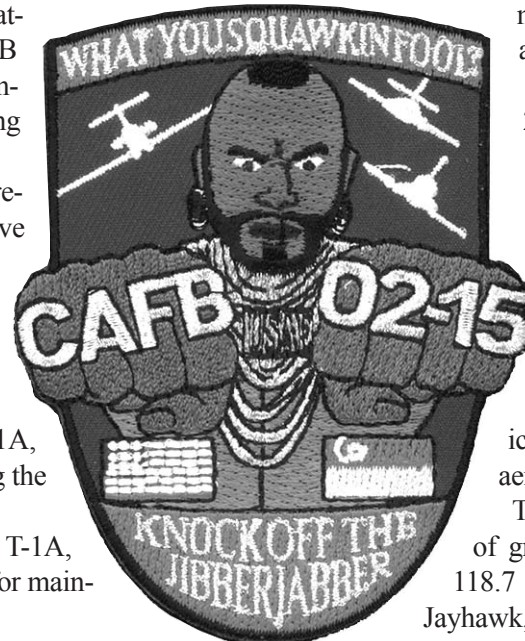
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

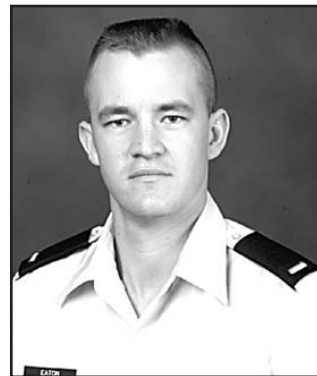
Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours. The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.



Capt. Loh Tong Khiat
Singapore
F-16/F-5, Republic of Singapore



1st Lt. T.J. Eaton
Maryland Heights, Mo.
T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



1st Lt. Low Tong Sen
Singapore
F-16/F-5, Republic of Singapore



2nd Lt. Billy Coyle
Batesville, Miss.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Daniel Cruz
Glendale, Ariz.
A-10, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Stephanie Daniels
O'Fallon, Ill.
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



2nd Lt. Richard Kernea II
Chattanooga, Tenn.
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Christopher Percy
Woodbridge, Va.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Jason Preissinger
Fort Worth, Texas
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. David Quinn
Plymouth, Mass.
C-5, Westover, Mass. (AFRC)



2nd Lt. Pete Sanchez
Robstown, Texas
KC-135, RAF Mildenhall, UK



2nd Lt. Paul Scambos
Ashburn, Va.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. David Voitier
Opelousas, La.
C-21, Andrews AFB, Md.



2nd Lt. Joseph Bousquet
South Sioux City, Neb.
KC-135, Sioux City, Iowa (ANG)



2nd Lt. Giuseppe Constantino
Lamezia, Italy
HH-3F, Italian AF



2nd Lt. Ashley Cowan
Durham, N.C.
KC-135, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Giuseppe Giadone
Hartford, Conn.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Christopher Jackson
San Diego, Calif.
F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Benjamin Jones
Fairbanks, Ala.
KC-135, Eielson AFB, Alaska (ANG)

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study sup-

per

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other
services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless
otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

“Blue Crush” (PG-13, sexual con-
tent, teen partying, language and a
fight, 106 min.)
Starring Kate Bosworth.

Saturday

“Simone” (PG-13, some sensuality,
117 min.)
Starring Al Pacino.

Oct. 4

“Signs” (PG-13, some frightening
moments, 107 min.)
Starring Mel Gibson.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements
for people living in base housing or the
dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more
information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through Oct. 4

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination

Program:

“Social Science”

FAMILY
SUPPORT



(Editor’s note: All activities are offered
at the family support center unless other-
wise specified. For more information,
call Ext. 2790.)

Bundles of Joy: The program begins
at 2 p.m. Monday.

Active-duty people or spouses of
active-duty people who are expecting a
baby are eligible for this free program
with information and gifts for their child.

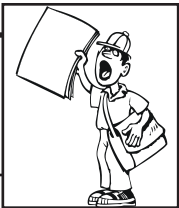
Parenting for Prevention series: A
six-part video series is from 11 a.m. to
noon Wednesday to help increase com-
munication skills between the parent and
child.

Topics include: empowering, setting
limits, enforcing consequences, encour-
agement, anger without violence and
resolving conflicts. Call Lee Chouinard
for specific dates and times.

Holiday spending: A seminar is at
4 p.m. Thursday to ensure people are pre-
pared for the holidays financially and to
keep from getting the blues when the
bills come in. Call the center to sign up.

New Air Force spouses: The Heart
Link program is for people who have
been an Air Force Spouse for less than
five years and begins in November. This
program is designed to help the spouse
adjust to the military way of life.

BASE
NOTES



Logistics closed: The logistics division
is closed from noon to 4:15 p.m. Oct. 4
for an official function. The customer ser-
vice area will remain open.

OSC social: The Columbus AFB
Officer Spouses’ Club social is at 6:30
p.m. Oct. 8 at the Columbus Club.

The menu is chef’s salad for \$8, bread
bowl stew or chili for \$9.50. Nonmembers
pay an additional \$3. New
members are welcome.

For reservations, call 434-5511 or
email: davidjeastman@cableone.net by
Oct. 1.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Hispanic heritage at library

LaSonja Stephens, library technician, arranges the Hispanic Heritage Month display she created at the library Tuesday. The display, which helps celebrate the month, includes Hispanic recipes, games, biographies and the Spanish language on tapes and compact discs.

Fire Prevention Week: The Columbus
AFB Fire Department celebrates
National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6
through Oct. 12.

This year’s theme is “Team Up For
Fire Safety.” School tours of the fire sta-
tion are available, and “Sparky,” the Fire
Dog, will be there. For more information
or to schedule a tour, call Ext. 2269 or
Ext. 2270.

ESC Social: The Enlisted Spouses’
Club has its “Costumes and Treats”
October social at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the
community center.

The evening includes bobbing for
apples and a costume contest. Lee
Chouinard, family support center, is the
guest speaker.

New members are welcome to attend.
For more information call 434-5643.

AROUND
TOWN



Annual rummage sale: This sale is
from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 5 at Wesley
United Methodist Church in the Christian
Life Center at 511 Airline Road, off of
Highway 182.

The sale has furniture, clothes, dishes
and more, and the money goes to the
United Methodist Women’s organization.

For more information, call 328-8644.

Stars over Mississippi: A star-studded
concert in Amory, Miss., is Oct. 5. The
tickets are \$30 for field seating and \$20
for stadium-seating. The event features
Entertainers of the Year Brooks and
Dunn in concert, along with comedians
Whoopie Goldberg and Ray Ramano. To
order tickets call (888) 717-1515 or visit
www.starsovermississippi.org for more
information.

Muddy River Music Festival: The
annual festival, featuring food and
music, is from 1 to 6 p.m. Oct. 5 at the
Riverside Park, near Harvey’s in down-
town Columbus. Admission is \$5.

In a show of military appreciation the
Columbus Chamber of Commerce and
Columbus Arts Council, military identifi-
cation card holders are admitted for free.
For more information, call the Columbus
Arts Council at 328-2787.

Trash to treasures: This annual event
is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 12 at the
Columbus Fairgrounds. For more infor-
mation or to reserve booth space call
329-8783.

Welty weekend: The journalism sympo-
sium of Southern authors is from Oct. 17 to
Oct. 19 at the Mississippi University for
Women. The three days are filled with art
exhibits, book signing and discussions. For
more information, call (662) 329-7295.

Air Force clubs launch Members First program Tuesday

Pam Wickham

Marketing Director

Air Force clubs worldwide launch a pro-
gram Tuesday to offer more value for their
club membership.

The Members First program provides dis-
counts exclusively to club members on food
purchases and special functions.

“Members First enhances the value of
club membership and underscores the fact
that membership must have exclusive bene-
fits,” said Ed Nunn, club manager. “It is
important that we create an enjoyable expe-
rience for the customers. They need to know
their Air Force club membership is working
for them.”

These exclusive discounts add even
greater value to being a club member.

Club members will receive a minimum \$1
discount on breakfast, lunch and dinner, and
a \$2 minimum discount on all pro-rated spe-
cial functions, including military functions.

“Columbus offers a \$2 discount on all
meals including specials functions for mem-
bers and their bona fide guests,” Nunn said.

“Plus, members receive a 10-percent dis-
count on personal functions they book with
the club, such as weddings and birthdays.”

A guest is a person not eligible for club
membership who is personally and specifi-
cally invited by a member to accompany
him or her to the club.

An eligible nonmember is not authorized
to use the club as a guest of a member.

“Our club is continually trying to offer
programs and services for our membership,
and we enlist their support to provide ideas
and suggestions on ways to improve the
club,” said Joe Smith, community support
flight chief. “One example is the bingo pro-
gram on Friday nights at the community
center. We are raising the progressive jack-
pot to \$1,000 starting Oct. 4.”

Air Force clubs are membership organiza-
tions and continues to designate certain pro-
grams as ‘members only’ events, thereby
continuing the tradition of exclusivity for
club members, their families and their
guests. The Members First discount program
is an Air Force policy and all members must
receive it.



Brad McDill

Charlene Swedenburg, club cashier, offers a smile and a club discount to Regina Bowen, 48th Flying Training Squadron, for her lunch at the club.

Services: Take time for leisure activities



All-ranks bingo:

Come and play bingo
at 5:30 p.m. Fridays at
the community center. There are
two \$25 games, two \$50 regular
games and one \$500 progressive
jackpot with a consolation prize
of \$50 if the jackpot does not go
in 57 numbers or less. Cost is \$1
for a 2-on-1 card for the \$25
games, \$1.50 for a 3-on-1 card for
the \$50 games and \$1 for a single
card for the jackpot game.

Must be a services club mem-
ber to play. Call Ext. 2489.



Enlisted lounge enter-

tainment: Disc jockey
Maze entertains from 9
p.m. to 1 a.m. today.



Auto skills center new

hours: Effective
Tuesday, the new hours
at the auto skills center are
Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
Wednesday through Friday from
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9
a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday and
Monday closed.

New services available include
brake repair, radiator flushing and
alternator replacement.

Call Ext. 7932 for an appoint-
ment.



Tuesday night buffet:

The Columbus Club’s
Tuesday night buffet
features grilled teriyaki sirloin or
chicken Monterey for \$9.95 per
person and is served from 5 to
7:30 p.m.

Club members receive a \$2 dis-
count through the Members First
program. Call Ext. 2489.



Professional football

game: The informa-
tion, ticket and travel
office offers a trip Oct. 5 to 6 to
watch the Pittsburgh Steelers
against the New Orleans Saints.
Deadline to register is Sept. 27.
Cost is \$110 per person and
includes transportation, lodging
(double occupancy), tickets to the
game and shuttle service.

A \$50 deposit is required at
registration. Call Ext. 7858.



Teen dance:

The youth
center offers a teens-
only dance from 8 to
10 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$2 for
members and \$4 for non-mem-
bers. Call Ext. 2504.



80’s night:

The
Landing Lounge locat-
ed in the Columbus
Club is offering an 80’s night from
6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 4.

Disc jockey Kool Kleve will be
providing the sounds from the
80’s. Be sure to wear your 80’s
fashions. Call Ext. 2489.



Preteen and teen

competitions: The
youth center offers a
preteen pool tournament at 6 p.m.
for ages 9 to 12 and a teen table
tennis tournament at 8 p.m. Oct. 4.

Registration starts one hour
prior to each tournament.
Tournament winners receive a
prize. Call Ext. 2504.



Volunteers needed:

The youth center looks
for regular volunteers
to help out with homework, arts
and crafts, cultural activities,
sports programs and teen activi-
ties.

Volunteering starts after school
around 3 p.m. To volunteer, call
Ext. 2504.



Family child care

program: Anyone
interested in becom-
ing a family child care provider
should contact the family child
care office at Ext. 2486.

If a person provides care for
10 or more hours a week for one
or more children, he or she must
obtain a license through the
family child care office. Call
Ext. 2479.



Base photography

contest: The skills
development center is
hosting this year’s base photogra-
phy contest with entries due Oct.
14. Photographs will be judged in
two groups — adult and youth
(ages 17 and younger).

Entry categories include military
life, nature/scenic, people, creative
effects and computer imaging and
enhancement.

Media categories are mono-
chrome prints, color prints and
color transparencies. Entries must
be 8 inches by 10 inches and dry
mounted and must have been taken
within the last two years. Call Ext.
7836.

Columbus Club
Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$7.95

Members receive a \$2 discount
Price includes vegetable of
the day, salad and tea

Today

Fried Catfish
Cube Steak
Cherry Cobbler

Monday

Fried Chicken
Sausage & Peppers
Peach Cobbler

Tuesday

Beef tips with rice
Chicken Fajitas
Apple Cobbler

Wednesday

Roast Pork Loin
BBQ Brisket
Apple Dumplings

Thursday

Spaghetti
Fettucini Alfredo
Apple Cobbler

Receive a discount on food
purchase of \$4 or more.

Ask a
server
for
details.

Members
First

Soccer opening ceremony
The winter youth soccer season opening ceremony is at 6 p.m. Monday on Ball Field 1, nearest to the fitness and sports center. Call Ext. 2504.

Teen 3-on-3 basketball
Its Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the youth center gym. Teens may sign up their own team the day of the tournament. This is a fun tournament for teens that wish to participate. Call Ext. 2504

Ultra 3-Lady Scramble
The Whispering Pines Golf Course fills the fields with 108 lady golfers Oct. 19 for its first ultra three-lady scramble.
Entry is \$120 per team and includes 18-holes of golf, a cart, dinner following tournament, ditty bag and more. Tournament is limited to the first 36 teams that have registered and paid. Entry forms are available at the golf course. Deadline to enter is Oct. 3. Call Ext. 7932.

Fun run-walk
The monthly fun run-walk is at 8 a.m. Oct. 4 at the fitness center. Call Ext. 2772.

Commander’s golf challenge
This four-person scramble is scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 11. Each commander or vice commander must be a part of his or her team.
Teams are selected by the commander from their squadron or division. Entry is \$10 for members and \$10 plus greens fees for nonmembers.
The field is limited to 18 teams. Golf cart rental is extra, and a limited number of carts are available. Entry deadline is Oct. 5. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

Cosmic no-tap bowling
All levels of bowlers are invited to enter this monthly no-tap tournament Oct. 19. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. Entry is \$7.50. Prizes offered are a DVD player, Palm Pilot and more.
Players hit a red pin to spin the wheel to win a prize. Every game, randomly selected individuals will be challenged to knock down a certain number of bowling pins.

Father/son free throw contest
The youth center hosts a father/son free throw contest at 6 p.m. Oct. 25 in the gym. Age grouping will be completed prior to event. There is no deadline but all participants must register before the event starts.

For more information or to register by phone call Ext. 2504.

Fitness center family day
The fitness and sports center has a family fitness day Oct. 27. Children over the age of 5 years old are invited to the gymnasium area to play games while parents use the fitness center together.
The center provides activities that show the benefits of exercise to the children, as well as point out relevant safety issues. Children will be placed in age-appropriate groups with a staff member in charge. Sign up begins at 2 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Call Ext. 2772.

Bowling specials
October bowling specials are from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays for families and from 1 to 6 a.m. Sundays for bowlers. Bowling is \$1.25 a game and shoe rental is 50 cents. Call Ext. 2426.

Wacky glo ball
The wacky glo ball 18-hole tournament starts at 4 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course.
Entry fee is \$20 for members and \$20 plus greens fees for nonmembers. Cost covers golf, a glo ball and burgers. Wacky golf starts at 4 p.m. with nine holes of golf. As soon as it gets dark, players complete the last nine holes with the glo-ball. Call Ext. 7932.

Youth basketball
Registration for youth basketball is open until Nov. 2 at the youth center. Open to ages 5 to 18. The season tentatively scheduled to start in November. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2504.

Tae Kwon Do
This class is offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the youth center. Cost is \$40 per month. Student must be at least five years old to enroll. Call Ext. 2504.

Fitness 101
People who want to get in shape but aren’t sure how to use all the fitness and sports center’s machines can schedule a Fitness 101 class.

The center shows the person how to find his or her target heart rate and to use all of the equipment. Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2772.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Running for fun
Thaddeus Werner, 14th Mission Support Group, runs in the Air Force Birthday Fun Run-Walk at the fitness and sports center Sept. 20. The 14th Logistics Squadron had the most participants with 24 people. A total of 32 people participated. The center has a fun run-walk monthly. Call Ext. 2772.

CAFB runners survive Air Force Marathon

Sue Baker
Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

Eighteen Columbus AFB people participated in one of the most challenging endurance races in the Air Force. The Air Force Marathon had more than 3,200 runners from 48 states and eight foreign countries ran in the fifth Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Sept. 21.
Columbus AFB had three relay teams, a marathon team and an individual runner compete in the marathon. The *Buzzsaw 30* relay team finished 31 out of 340 teams. The people on this team were Capts. Matthew Ciccarello, Chad White, Mark May and John Davidson. The *Columbus AFB Relay Team* finished 58 out of 340 teams. The people on this team were Capts. Andrea Misener and James West, Senior Airman

Charlie Roberts and Anthony Cook.
The *Buzzsaw Running* relay team finished 212 out of 340 teams. The people who were on this team were Maj. Christopher Mackey, Capt. Scott Palen, 1st Lts. Chad Hillberg and Brian Knauf.
The Columbus AFB Marathon Team were Capt. Huey Latham, 2nd Lt. Sharon Gregory, Master Sgts. Paul McClain and Lashon Webb and Tech. Sgt. Rick Sutton. The individual runner was 2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore.
“Maybe in the future I will do a half marathon, but I am not sure if I want to do another marathon,” said Webb. “The camaraderie alone makes you think about running the next Air Force Marathon.”
Wheelchair competitors began the 26.2-mile race at 7 a.m., followed by individual runners at 7:05 a.m. and relay teams at 7:30 a.m.
Patrick Doak of Alpharetta, Ga., was the first male wheelchair competitor to cross the finish line, with a

winning time of 1 hour, 59 minutes and 47 seconds.
Holly Koester of Cleveland, Ohio, was first-place female wheelchair competitor with a winning time of 3 hours, 1 minute, and 42 seconds.
Individual overall male winner was Jeffrey Gibson of Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, with time of 2 hours, 42 minutes and 15 seconds.
The individual overall female winner was Sandy Hundley of Hilliard, Ohio, with a time of 3 hours, 16 minutes and 41 seconds.
The first overall relay team to cross the finish line was the NG Seacows, with an elapsed time of 2 hours, 26 minutes and 17 seconds.
Each competitor crossing the finish line immediately received a commemorative medal.
Final race results will be posted in the near future on the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/>.

37th FTS disconnects 14th Comm Squad, 27-6

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The 37th Flying Training Squadron defeated the 14th Communications Squadron, 27-6, in flag football action Monday.
“We had only six people play,” said Tiara Glover, 14th Comm Squad team. “We tried our hardest, but we’ll just have to get ‘em next time.”
Within the first five minutes of the game, the 37th FTS drove the length of the field to put six points on the board. They tacked on an extra point to make it 7-0.
Comm Squad received the kickoff for their first offensive series of the game. A broken play, which almost resulted in an interception for the 37th FTS, turned Comm Squad’s way when a tip pass was converted to a touchdown. Comm Squad could not convert the extra point, and the 37th FTS took a 7-6 lead.
The next series, the 37th FTS found themselves in a tough position when they lost one player to an injury, the quarterback was sacked on third down, then they found themselves sitting on a fourth and long. Together the team yelled, “No punt.” The 37th’s quarterback received the snap, rolled out and turned a desperation play into six points. Converting the extra point, the 37th FTS held a 13-6 lead.
The Comm Squad’s next offensive drive was cut short by an interception, which

gave the 37th FTS another touchdown. The 37th then pulled off a two-point conversion, putting 14th Comm Squad 15 points behind as the first half ended.
As the second half rolled on, the 37th FTS lateralled the ball from teammate to teammate and ran into the end zone to add on another six. When the whistle blew, the score was 27-6 in the 37th’s favor.
“We gotta bunch of good guys here,” said Max Dipietro, 37th FTS. “We have good chemistry and plenty of athletes with football backgrounds. We just try to have fun, and fun things just happen.”

Flag football standings
The following are the intramural standings as of Wednesday.

Teams	Wins	Losses
48th FTS	3	0
37th FTS	3	1
14th OSS	2	1
14th SFS	3	2
DynCorp	2	2
14th CES	2	2
14th COM	1	3
14th MSS	0	5

A cartoon illustration of a football player in a black helmet and uniform, running with the ball. He is wearing a pink jersey and has a determined expression.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Will Kearns, 14th Communications Squadron team, warms up before the game Monday against the 37th Flying Training Squadron team.